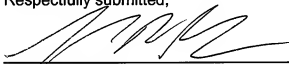


## REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 28, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 28, 2006, sent regarding the amendment document filed on June 22, 2006.

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.121, Applicants have presented the claims in ascending numerical order and have corrected the dependency of claim 2. Please replace the claims presented in the June 22, 2006 amendment document with the claims presented herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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